

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4 FIRST QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette
St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 4 during first quarter 2002 was 239,980, a decrease of 2.0% from fourth quarter 2001, and a decrease of 0.2% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in nine of the 20 NAICS sectors during first quarter 2002.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, first quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 35. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 4 with 31,774 employees, or 13.2% of total employment. Lafayette was the leading parish with 118,718 employees, or 49.5% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.4% from the same period in 2001, and decreased by 7.7% from fourth quarter 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$568.29. St. Mary parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$652.78.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 4 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table, "Regional Labor Market Area 4" beginning on page 37.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Acadia	\$ 429.68
Evangeline	445.46
Iberia	543.56
Lafayette	619.26
St. Landry	466.31
St. Martin	375.00
St. Mary	652.78
Vermilion	526.72

The number of reporting units in RLMA 4 for first quarter 2002 was 15,982.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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